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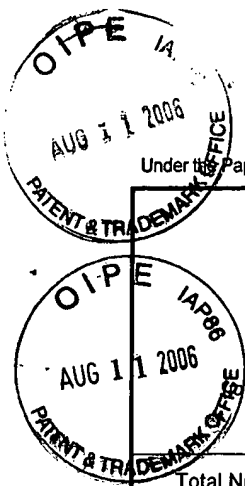
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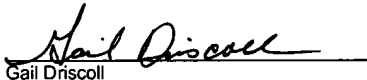


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Dear Sir:

Upon reviewing the above-identified patent, Patentee noted typographical errors which should be corrected.

On the title page:

Item (30), which contains the foreign priority information, is missing. This application claims priority to French application No. 02 13690, filed October 31, 2002. This claim was made in the Declaration and Power of Attorney as well as on the original transmittal letter. The certified copy of the French priority application was filed on December 1, 2003 and the claim of

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priority was acknowledged on the Notice of Allowability mailed from the Patent Office on March 1, 2006.

Item (30) should read:

(30) **Foreign Application Priority Data**
Oct. 31, 2002 (FR)02 13690

Additionally, the Abstract contains a typographical error. The error, found in line 4 of the Abstract, the word "lemen", is an inadvertent typographical error, the correction of which does not involve new matter or require reexamination.

Line 4 of the Abstract should read:

--element; and an assembly of switches, connected to turn the--

The error found in the Abstract was erroneously inserted in the Preliminary Amendment filed by Patentee. Our check in the amount of \$100.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(a) is enclosed.

Transmitted herewith is a proposed Certificate of Correction effecting such amendments. Patentee respectfully solicits the granting of the requested Certificate of Correction.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. S1022.81057US00. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: August 8, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Prior foreign application(s)
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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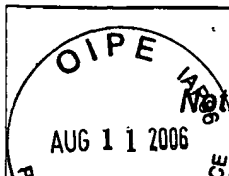
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
Vikki H. Trinh		2814		

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MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/14/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL <i>(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))</i>	Docket No.	S1022.81057US00
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	Michel BARDOUILLET t al.	
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<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <i>(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</i></p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total pages 14] 11 - pages description 1 - pages abstract 2 - pages claims 9 - Total claims</p> <p>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total sheets 3] <input type="checkbox"/> Informal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Formal [Total drawings 1-5]</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oath or Declaration [Total pages 3] a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newly executed (original or copy) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Copy from a prior application i. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)</u> Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).</p> <p>If 5b is checked the entire disclosure of prior applications, Serial No. _____ from which an oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as part of the disclosure of the accompanying application as is hereby incorporated by reference therein. The incorporation <u>can only</u> be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet, See 37 CFR 1.76</p>	<p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R, in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Readable Form (CRF) b. <input type="checkbox"/> Specification Sequence Listing on: i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii. <input type="checkbox"/> paper (identical to computer copy) c. <input type="checkbox"/> Statement verifying identity of above copies</p> <p>ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers/cover sheet & documents(s)</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <i>(when there is an assignee)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> English Translation of Document <i>(if applicable)</i></p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement PTO-1449 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copies of IDS Citations</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment</p> <p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) <i>(Should be specifically itemized)</i></p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <i>(if foreign priority is claimed)</i></p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(ii)</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ _____</p>

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(45) **Date of Patent:** **Aug. 1, 2006**

(54) **RESISTIVE POLYSILICON ELEMENT
CONTROLLABLE TO IRREVERSIBLY
DECREASE ITS VALUE**

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(*) **Notice:** Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this
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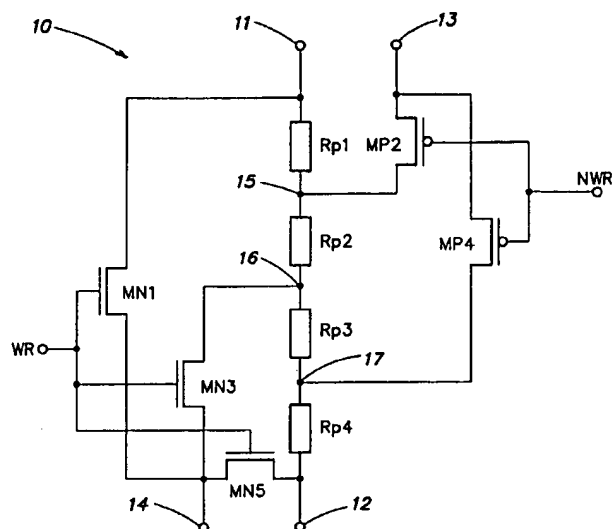
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A resistive element controllable to irreversibly decrease its
value, including several polysilicon resistors connected in
series between two input/output terminals of the resistive
element; and an assembly of switches, connected to turn the
series connection into a parallel association of said resistors
between two programming terminals intended to receive a
supply voltage.

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